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In re Application of :  
Grove, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/648,125 :  
Filed: August 25, 2003 :  
Docket No.: 2043.102US1 :  
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This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 14, 2006.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed January 9, 2006. Notice of Abandonment was mailed July 18, 2006.

Petitioners assert that a response to the final Office action and a petition for extension of time were timely submitted on July 10, 2006.

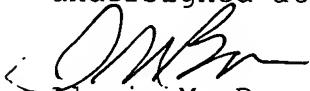
The original response was received July 12, 2006 and is contained in the application file. The response bears a certificate of mailing date of July 10, 2006 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.8 and is thus deemed to have been timely submitted.

In view of the evidence thereof, the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is hereby **GRANTED**.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby **VACATED** and the holding of abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

  
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